

Position Description

Position Title	CREW LEADER OPEN SPACE MOWING
Directorate	City Futures
Department/Business Unit	Parks Services
Team	City Presentation
Classification	Band 4
Date	May 2025
Reports to:	Team Leader Open Space Mowing
Supervises:	Plant Operators City Presentation
Internal Liaison:	Parks Team Leaders, Parks staff, Parks Service Coordinators, other council staff
External Liaison:	General public, contractors, suppliers, service authorities, industry groups.

Position Objectives

To ensure the City's public open space grassed areas are maintained to the prescribed service standard requirements, ensuring that they are safe, functional and fit for purpose.

The Crew Leader Open Space Mowing will need to be self-motivated, organised, and proficient, with accountability for the quality and timeliness of allocated work programs with minimal supervision. Through innovation, better performance and techniques, the position demands knowledge and consistency to deliver council open space maintenance program.

The Crew Leader Open Space Mowing is required to oversee a small team, manage and coordinate open space mowing maintenance activities and best practice and work towards improving overall amenity within Councils parks, reserves and open spaces.

Key Selection Criteria

- Completion of trade certificate in Parks and Gardens or Certificate 3 Horticulture
- Demonstrated comprehensive knowledge of horticulture mowing programs, with problem-solving skills with the capacity to inspire and support innovative thinking.
- Demonstrated skills and experience in leading small teams and contractors.
- A detailed knowledge of plant and manual handling techniques and skills in safe and competent operation of specific plant and equipment
- Experience in the use of different types of plant equipment Tractors, Mowers and a range of hand and power tools including edgers, brush cutters and blowers
- Highly effective interpersonal skills, incorporating verbal and written communication, listening, liaison, advocacy, facilitation skills, as well as excellence in customer service delivery.
- Demonstrated capacity to effectively manage time, establish priorities, and achieve business and team objectives, despite conflicting pressures.
- Demonstrated Intermediate PC literacy, incorporating MS Office.

As part of the Selection Criteria, you must hold and supply these licences, registrations, certificates, etc., prior to offer of employment and commencement and continue to maintain them throughout your employment in this role with Council:

- satisfactory (and ongoing) Working with Children's Check

Position Specific Responsibilities & Skills

In this position, you are responsible for:

Functional	Lead and implement appropriate plant, labour resources necessary to
Responsibilities	undertake mowing programs and associated maintenance activities in compliance with service standards, prescribed maintenance programs and timeframes.
	 Monitor and adjust maintenance programs to meet the needs of user groups, ground conditions and unforeseen circumstances necessary to meet service standards.
	Undertake mowing maintenance activities.
	Provide technical support advice associated with mowing and mowing related activities
	 Conduct quality in-house audits of staff to ensure compliance with program deliver, quality standards, Safe Operating Procedures and Safe Work Method Statements
	Provide input into the development and monitoring of mowing & associated maintenance program budgets
	 Raise and process approved procurement and purchasing utilising organisational purchasing systems.
	 Ensure all work performed is in accordance with safety practices and standards, set within the organisations requirements and adopted safety systems.
	 Working closely with the Team Leader Open Space Mowing to ensure programmed works and customer requests are scheduled in a manageable way, and that requests are completed and reported on promptly
	Take responsibility for ensuring Council's open spaces are clean, safe and welcoming.
Staff and Organisational Leadership	Provide effective on-the-job training, coaching and mentoring to the crew to continually improve their skills and knowledge to increase their competence and work performance.
	Guide and support staff, whilst modelling behaviours which support the professional development for future roles and activities.
	• Coordinate and assist with annual staff performance and improvement reviews with relevant staff and follow up on performance and expectation plans.
	 Manage daily staff allocation and attendance records. Ensure electronic data and task/inspection schedules are entered.
	Ensure all safety practices and injury management for managed staff processes are overseen promptly and professional.
Relationship Management	 Maintain positive relationships with key internal and external customers to deliver outcomes aligned to the departmental and organisation objectives.
	Collaborate with Team Leader Open Space Mowing on scope of project delivery.
	Maintain a positive culture within the crew in delivering high quality mowing outcomes across the board.
	Raise works orders, communicate with other departments via internal condition auditing and inspections to rectify and improve assets with council managed open space.
	Share skills and knowledge to increase staff competence and work performance.
Continuous Improvement Innovation	Contribute to the development of processes and schedules to enhance service delivery based upon a continuous improvement philosophy.

- Support the identification of opportunities and assist to implement outcomes for innovation through program delivery, partnerships, and processes/procedures.
- Ensure best practice approach to contemporary open space mowing practices
- Ensure Council and its contractors are compliant with current OH&S and work safe practices through observational and electronic audits, inspections and communication strategies.

Core Organisational Capabilities

We have a Core Capability framework to help everyone succeed and develop for their current and future positions. The relevant capabilities for this position are at the back.

REACH Values

Our REACH values define who we are and how we interact with others. They define how each of us should aim to operate in the workplace regardless of the role we hold. Our REACH values are at the back.

Organisational Responsibilities

Everyone at Council has the following responsibilities and obligations:

Emergency Management	Help Council fulfil its emergency management obligations by assisting in emergency management activities as required
Occupational Health and Safety	 All employees have responsibilities to: Take reasonable care of their own health and safety. Take reasonable care that their acts do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons or themselves. Follow policy, procedure or instructions to ensure as far as is reasonably practicable a safe workplace. Report all incidents, injuries and near misses to their supervisor immediately and adhere to Council's occupational health, safety and return to work (RTW) policies and procedures. Participate in health and safety training programs and initiatives.
	 People managers have additional responsibilities to: Develop, implement, promote and review Council's OHS management system within their area of responsibility. Work with Health and Safety and People and Change departments to ensure accurate and timely OHS reporting, and implementation of health and safety culture, policies, procedures, and training programs. Ensure employee compliance with relevant OHS regulatory requirements through local and corporate policies and procedures in order to provide and maintain a safe work environment, including providing training and guidance on OHS responsibilities. Monitor and review workplace environment to identify, manage and respond to any health and safety hazards and risks, including psychosocial.
Child Safety	 Understand obligations and act in an appropriate manner with and around children Promote positive work practices with children Establish boundaries around acceptable and unacceptable behaviour in relation to children Adhere to reporting obligations where there is suspected or discovered child abuse
Climate Change & Sustainability	Help support Council's response to the climate emergency by helping facilitate a whole -of-organisation approach where climate change mitigation and adaptation is embedded into all Council services, assets, operational and decision-making

	processes.
Compliance	Remain mindful of the requirements of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights at all times Manage Council records in accordance with the relevant Council religion and corrected.
	 Manage Council records in accordance with the relevant Council policies and corporate requirements to protect personal information.
	 Perform other duties as directed within the limits of acquired skills, knowledge, and training.
	At all times, take responsibility for maintaining the strictest levels of confidentiality regarding ratepayers, customers and employees.
	At all times, comply with Council's Code of Conduct - Staff.
Diversity, inclusion and	Demonstrate an understanding of and the ability to work with, diversity in the workplace, including:
equity	 zero tolerance of racism and expectations that staff will act on incidents of racism supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to express their culture and enjoy their cultural rights.
Gender Equality	Prevent and address violence against women and workplace sexual harassment, including by modelling acceptable behaviour, responding decisively to improper conduct and properly managing initial disclosures

Inherent requirements of the position

These are the essential requirements of this position:

Council has a Flexible Work Policy. All staff are required to attend the workplace for the minimum number of days specified in the Policy.

Vision and Hearing Requirements

On a typical day, approximately this much time would be spent on the following activities:

		Frequency (% of the working day)			
Cognitive Requirements	Task details (typical tasks)	Rare/ Never	Occasional 0 – 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%
Working independently – ability to utilise autonomy with respect to the processes by which tasks are completed. Little to no autonomy with respect to the work allocated to them by the supervisor					×
Team based work – works in a team of people and not exposed to isolation					
Communicating with others – Verbally					×
Communicating with others - Written					×
Focused Attention to task – high levels of attention required to minimise errors and ensure accuracy					\boxtimes

Frequ			quency (% of	uency (% of the working day)		
Cognitive Requirements	Task details (typical tasks)	Rare/ Never	Occasional 0 – 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%	
Concentrating – high levels of concentration required while completing required tasks					×	
Planning and sequencing tasks and activities					\boxtimes	
Decision making – required to exercise sound decision making while completing all aspects of the position						
Problem solving – requirement to develop sound solutions to novel or unusual problems arising during the course of the day						
Reasoning – required to exercise sound reasoning while completing all aspects of the position within defined scope						
Judgement – required to exercise sound judgement while completing all aspects of the position within defined scope						
Short and long-term memory recall – ready access to documented procedures or precedents to perform requirements of the position						
Emotional resilience – exposure to stressful or distressing situations including meeting specified deadlines and production demands, dealing with aggressive or upset customers/clients, high conflict situations, general workload demands, change beyond individual's personal control						
Interruptions – frequency of interruptions to daily work plans and requirement to change work plans at short notice						

Physical Requirements

☐ This position does not require more than 10-15% manual handling/physical exertion

		Frequency (% of the working day)			
Physical Requirements	Task detail	Rare	Occasional	Frequent	Constant
		Never	0 – 33%	34 – 66%	>66%
Mobility/Postures					
Sitting – stay in a seated position					\boxtimes
Standing – standing in an upright				\boxtimes	
position, moving less than 3 steps					
Walking – In an upright position, moving				\boxtimes	
more than 3 steps					
		\boxtimes			

		Frequency (% of the working day)			
Physical Requirements	Task detail	Rare Never	Occasional 0 – 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%
Crawling – Move on the hands & knees or by dragging the body close to the ground					
Non-manual handling					
Crouch/squat – To lower the body by bending forward from legs and spine, buttocks on or near the heels			\boxtimes		
Kneeling – To lower the body			\boxtimes		
Bending – To bend forward and down from the waist or the middle of the back, rounding the shoulders and back for more than 3 seconds					
Reaching – Extending arms out in any direction					
Twisting/trunk rotation — Rotating the body to one side or the other without moving the feet				\boxtimes	
Fine manipulation/pinch grip — Fingers are on one side of the object and thumb on the other, typically without the object touching the palm					
Power/open hand grip – Using the whole hand to grasp an object, typically used to handle large or wide objects where the fingers are extended					
Writing/typing					\boxtimes
Climb ladders		\boxtimes			
Climb or descend stairs			\boxtimes		
Low level work – Performing manual handling actions at or near ground level		\boxtimes			
Manual Handling		1	·		
Lift/Carry/Hold – Raising or lowering an object from one level to another and holding/transporting the object using the hands, arms or on the shoulders		×			
Pushing/Pulling – Applying force to move something away or closer to one's self, including static positions		\boxtimes			
Kilograms of force (kg.f) – Amount of force or effort required to perform a specific task or part of a task		\boxtimes			
Weight requirements – lift, carry, pus	h, pull or hold			_	
1-5kg			\boxtimes		
5.1 – 10kg					
10.1 – 15kg					
15.1 – 20kg					
Lift floor to hip					
Lift waist to shoulder		 			
Lift overhead					
Pushing/pulling		\bot \Box	\boxtimes		

Band descriptors (as defined in Council's Enterprise Agreement)

These descriptors help to classify the position:

Accountability and Extent of Authority

The position is directly held responsible for:

• The City Presentation Team Operating Budget, including approval of financial transactions of up to \$2,500

The incumbent has delegated authority for:

 For submitting for approval on purchase and procurement references and quotations within the organisations financial budgeted segment.

The incumbent is responsible and accountable for:

- Supporting the Open Space Mowing team to deliver high quality, well maintained, safe, and welcoming open spaces for the community.
- Quality and timeliness of work within the available resources
- Exercise high precision open space mowing and maintenance competence using various materials and/or specialised techniques including use of machinery and tools.
- Ensure that all employees under their direction are trained in safe working practices and in the safe operation of equipment and made aware of all occupational, health and safety policies and procedures.
- Ensure all electronic data is captured, recorded and reporting on via the appropriate.
- Provide direction, leadership and on-the-job training to supervised employees
- Exercise discretion within standard practices and processes, undertaking and implementing quality control measures
- · Raise purchase orders for approval relevant to the roles requirements
- Decisions and actions taken at this level may have some impact on the programs or projects being managed or on the public perception of the wider organisation.

Judgement and Decision-Making Skills

Judgement and decision making is within the following scope:

- Assisting the Team Leader Open Space Mowing to ensure staff and contractors are operating safely and delivering the required services.
- The objectives of the work are usually well defined but the particular method, technology, process or equipment to be used must be selected from a range of available alternatives if and when required.
- Ability to identify the quantification of the amount of resources needed to meet objectives
- Guidance, advice and decision making is always available within the time available to make a choice.

Specialist Knowledge and Skills

The position requires the following essential skills and knowledge:

- Innovative approach to open space mowing practices
- People and cultural abilities to be flexible, consistent and respectful.
- Daily program, workload and staff scheduling.
- Competent in use of IT systems including mobile work scheduling technology.
- Ability and skills to provide on-the-job training.
- Thorough understanding of the relevant technology, procedures and processes used within the operating unit
- Safe and competent operation of Heavy Mechanical Plant

Management & Interpersonal skills

The essential position requirements include:

- Ability to plan, prioritise and organise work, both for self and for the team within a set timetable despite
 conflicting pressures. This leadership will involve managing by outcomes and ensuring expectations are
 clear, including recourse as required.
- Ability to be agile and adapt to new priorities and evolving environments. Including the ability to plan work at least a week in advance
- Where oversight and job supervision is part of the job, it is expected that you will assist other employees in their tasks as required
- Conflict resolution skills.

- Develop and maintain relationships with key stakeholders
- Ability to gain co-operation and assistance from clients, members of the public and other employees in the administration of open space mowing services and to motivate and develop employees.

Verification & Approvals

I certify that the content of this Position Description accurately reflects the overall role and accountabilities of the position:

	Name	Signature	Date
Occupant			

Appendix

Core Capability Framework – People Leaders



Relationship Management

Develops and maintains strong and enduring relationships with colleagues and/or external stakeholders which are built on mutual respect and commitment. Ensures that all people are treated with dignity and respect regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation.

- Ensures a wide range of views and opinions are encouraged and valued
- Builds strong and trusting relationships with team members and across the directorate
- Seeks to achieve outcomes that are beneficial to all stakeholders
- Demonstrates high levels of integrity and teamwork in all relationships

Planning & Organising

Thinks from a wholistic perspective and sees the patterns in the complex relationships that exist between the different parts of the organisation. Uses these insights to ensure that the organisation's human, physical and financial resources are effectively used in the achievement of the organisation's, team's or the role's agreed priorities.

- Ensures that team members are able to see the connections between the work of the team and the broader organisational context
- Actively engages team members in the development of realistic plans to deliver work unit priorities
- · Allocates work unit resources to achieve desired results
- · Takes corrective action as required when concerns have been identified

People Development

Demonstrates a deep commitment to ongoing learning and development as fundamental to the organisation's sustained success and to the realisation of the potential of its people.

- Encourages people to undertake ongoing professional and personal development
- Uses reflection as a key tool for ongoing development and organisational improvement
- Uses transformational leadership practices to engage and grow the capabilities of team members
- Regularly gives and receives constructive feedback
- Communicates with staff in a positive and proactive manner

Future focused organisation

Is keenly aware of the social, political, economic and technological trends that impact the global and local environments and ensures these are factored into the work of individuals, teams or the organisation to deliver on the needs and expectations of the Council and the community it serves

- Monitors the broader environment to understand the impact of emerging trends on the work of the team
- Identifies changes to systems and processes that will lead to the effective implementation of organisational change initiatives
- Encourages others to recognise and value the inevitability of change in organisations
- Assists the team to adapt to a constantly changing environment by communicating change information honestly, empathetically and in a timely manner

Outcome orientation

Demonstrates a strong commitment to a high-performance culture by constantly striving for high quality customer service outcomes and accepting responsibility for outcomes within their control

- Creates opportunities for people to come together to creatively address issues facing the team and the clients they serve
- Sets short-term goals with the team for the team to achieve agreed objectives
- Tracks progress against job expectations and makes adjustments as required
- Sets challenging goals that will deliver superior results

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Service focus

Ensures there is a focus on delivering work priorities to agreed quality and timeliness standards

- Demonstrates commitment to quality client/customer service
- Maintains regular customer communication to ensure mutual expectations are clear
- Responds appropriately to client/customer requests and/or complaints

Self-management

Demonstrates self-awareness through understanding own responses to a range of • Accepts personal responsibility for outcomes within her/his control situations as well as understanding the impact their behaviour has on others

- Demonstrates the ability to regulate and adapt behaviour according to the circumstances and the audience
- Seeks out feedback with the purpose of reflecting on work performance with a view to self-improvement
- Models Greater Dandenong's ethical and organisational standards
- Acts decisively during times of ambiguity and pressure

Safety, health and wellbeing

Ensures that the safety, health and wellbeing of employees, contractors, service users and councillors is at the heart of the organisation's culture and the way work is organised and services delivered

- Aligns team/unit work plans with Council's vision and objectives for employee safety, health and wellbeing
- Allocates adequate resources to achieve safety, health and wellbeing initiatives and objectives
- Monitors departmental performance indicators for the continuous improvement of safety, health and wellbeing practices and culture

Council's REACH Values

Respectful

We respect and care about our community, each other and ourselves.

We act with integrity at all times and in all matters. We take time to listen to and seek to understand the other point of view.

We strive to understand and respect the diversity of our community and our workplace.

We understand our role in the community and respect the responsibility that comes with

Creative

We care about getting the best outcomes.

We constantly ask: What's the future and what's possible?

We have the courage to try new ideas.

We strive for excellence in everything we do.

Engaged

We listen to our community and respond.

We work together with our community and each other, to achieve the best outcome.

We have the confidence to challenge the status quo, to reach for better outcomes.

We are action-oriented in identifying and responding to new challenges.

Honest

We tell the truth, even when we know people may not want to hear it.

We form our opinions and give advice from sound, evidence based research.

We act with humility and apply the highest standards of ethical behaviour to everything we do.

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Accountable

We are proud of our city, our community and our achievements.

We spend our time and effort on solutions rather than looking for someone to blame.

We take responsibility for our actions.

